

AMENDMENTS TO THE ABSTRACT

Please substitute the following paragraph(s) for the abstract now appearing in the currently filed specification:

-- Providing a container by forming a structure in which a welded portion that was laser welded in a sealed container does not form a flange. This is done without polymer material and excessive material in the seaming portion unnecessary. The lid and barrel of the vessel use the same material, thereby facilitating the recycling of material. The sealed container in which a container body having an opening is sealed by a lid portion which closes and covers said opening, comprising a welded portion in which an outer wall surface of a peripheral portion of said opening or an edge surface of said opening and an inner wall surface of said lid portion are laser welded in order to make it possible for at least an inner wall surface of the peripheral portion of said opening from an inner wall surface of said container body to make contact with container contents. --

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